



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019

307 1st St S, Ste 118

Virginia MN 55792

Supervisors Present: Chuck Bainter, Frank Modich, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson & Gary Rantala
Staff Present: Emily Nelson, AIS Program Coordinator; and Anita Provinzino, District Administrator
Others Present: O'Niell Tedrow, NTS Limnological Services

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to add Acknowledge Emily Nelson's Resignation to the agenda.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to approve the minutes of June 12 and June 21 as written.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report - Motion by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve the June Treasurer's Report as updated 07/10/19.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable as updated 07/10/19 and with changes to amounts four supervisors received: Frank Modich \$138.52, Peggy Pearson \$467.29, Mark Peterson \$528.23 and Gary Rantala \$650.71.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – O'Niell Tedrow presented on limnological services offered by NTS.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. AIS Program Coordinator
 - a. Acknowledge resignation – The board commended Emily Nelson for the fantastic job she did with the aquatic invasive species program since she joined the District in October 2106. They expressed their sincere appreciation for her service. She was wished the best of luck at her new position in Wisconsin. Emily thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the District.
 - b. Approve hire – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to allow the District Administrator to make a job offer for the AIS program coordinator position to either of the top two candidates interviewed yesterday, contingent on a satisfactory background check, at \$20.50 per hour, full-time with benefits.

7. AIS Resort/Campground/Marina Agreements – Motion by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve agreements with: Muskego Point Resort and Pehrson's Lodge both on Lake Vermilion retroactive to 5/1/19.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
8. Administrative Assistant Hours – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve the temporary administrative assistant for an average of 12 hours per week through 12/31/19.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
9. 2019 Budget Revision – Removed due to no information.
10. Data Access Policy for Data Subjects – Annual Update – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve the Data Access Policy for Data Subjects effective August 1, 2019.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
11. Data Access Policy for the Public – Annual Update – Motion by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve the Data Access Policy for the Public effective August 1, 2019.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
12. Logo Selection – Motion by Frank Modich/Gary Rantala to approve logo #2, which had 63% of the votes, as the District's new logo. (shown here)
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
13. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and Trainings
 - a. Resource Conservation & Development, July 22, Duluth – Chuck will attend.
 - b. Area 3 Forestry Meeting – July 18, McGregor – Mark will attend.
 - c. Governance 101, September 12-13 Bloomington
 - d. Area 3 Annual Meeting – September 26, Hinckley
 - e. Other



REPORTS:

14. District Administrator Report – See report on file
 - a. Technical Service Area 3 In-kind engineering 2Q19
 - b. 2019 NRCS Statewide Local Work Group Priorities.
15. Resource Conservationist Report – See report on file
16. AIS Program Coordinator Report - See report on file
17. Forester Report – See report on file
18. Community Conservationist Report – See report on file. The board thanked Becca for covering while Phil was on leave.
19. Regional Farm Bill Forester Report – See report on file

20. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file
21. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Area 3 Resolutions Meeting – June 14, Carlton – Gary Rantala gave a report of the resolutions meeting. All resolutions passed.
 - b. Technical Service Area 3 Meeting – June 26, Duluth – Gary Rantala indicated the personnel committee met and staff were given a 3% wage increase, there were no purchases and the budget was approved for the new fiscal year.
 - c. Other - a sign up survey will be sent to cover shifts at the North St. Louis County Fair from July 31-August 4.

CLOSING:

22. Confirm Next Meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at 10:30 a.m., location will be determined.
25. Adjourn – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried



Mark Peterson, Secretary

August 14, 2019
Date